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11 Chapter 11 Debtor and Debtor in Possession,  
12 KOMBU KITCHEN SF LLC, dba NIBLL

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**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

13 In re:  
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15 KOMBU KITCHEN SF, LLC, dba NIBLL,  
16 a California limited liability company,  
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18 Debtor and Debtor In Possession.

19 Case No. 2:23-bk-17276-BR  
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**DECLARATION OF KEVÉN  
THIBEAULT REGARDING POST-  
PETITION FINANCING ON AN  
UNSECURED BASIS (MARCH 2025)**

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## **DECLARATION OF KEVÉN THIBEAULT**

I, Kevén Thibeault, hereby declare:

1. I am an individual over the age of eighteen and CEO of KOMBU KITCHEN SF, LLC, dba NIBLL, the Chapter 11 Debtor and Debtor in Possession (the “Debtor”) herein. Each of the facts contained in this declaration is based upon my personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. The Debtor commenced this Bankruptcy Case by filing a petition for relief under Chapter 11, Subchapter V, of the Bankruptcy Code on November 1, 2023 (the “Petition Date”). The Debtor continues to carry out its business operations and manage its financial affairs as a Debtor in Possession pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1107 and 1108. No trustee, examiner, or committee has been appointed in the Bankruptcy Case.

3. I submit this declaration setting forth the funds advanced to the Debtor from my wife and me, which were used to fund operations and to pay critical expenses of the Debtor.

4. During the month of March 2025, the funds provided via the DIP Loan total \$53,581.22. A summary and detailed list of the critical and operation expenses paid is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 28th day of April 2025, at Lake Elsinore, California.

KEVÉN THIBEAULT

## **EXHIBIT 1**

Summary of Advances

March 2025

Expense	SUM of Amount
1099 Payroll	2,976.69
Bank Fee	1,607.88
Bus. Travel	4,784.87
Business Services	412.49
Business Subscription	89.10
Catering COGS LA	7,719.67
Catering COGS LV	3,783.53
Catering COGS SF	729.27
Catering Equipment	755.25
Event Decor	2,778.71
Event Rentals	12,341.07
Event Vendor Services	2,846.30
Meals and Entertainment	2,834.28
Office Equipment	312.75
Office Supplies	810.12
Parking	2.50
Test Kitchen Office Rent	6,475.00
Transportation	423.66
Transportation - Fuel	546.43
Transportation- Fleet Maintenance	564.72
Utilities	786.93
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>53,581.22</b>

## Advances: Detail

March 2025

Date	Description	Amount	Expense
3/1/2025	Gas	280.08	Utilities
3/1/2025	Electric	344.775	Utilities
3/1/2025	Water	129.58	Utilities
3/1/2025	Internet	32.495	Utilities
3/1/2025	Test Kitchen Office Rent	6475	Test Kitchen Office Rent
3/4/2025	AMZ 111-7090217-7846667	883.52	Catering COGS LA
3/4/2025	AMZ 111-7958971-1133802	207.39	Office Supplies
3/2/2025	AMZ 111-8417793-5426666	15.61	Office Supplies
3/6/2025	AMZ 111-9527189-1977869	28.48	Catering COGS LA
3/31/2025	AMZ 111-9722170-0107406	23.69	Catering COGS LA
3/21/2025	AMZ 113-1131073-2918612	351.27	Catering COGS LA
3/21/2025	AMZ 113-1131073-2918612	473.24	Catering Equipment
3/3/2025	AMZ 113-2588164-0997063	28.58	Catering COGS LA
3/2/2025	AMZ 113-2903968-9670608	87.75	Office Equipment
3/23/2025	AMZ 113-3017592-2308236	608.78	Catering COGS LA
3/28/2025	AMZ 113-3957126-6073057	37.7	Catering COGS LA
3/1/2025	AMZ 113-4426411-8966619	224.99	Catering COGS LA
3/28/2025	AMZ 113-4455343-3588241	32.57	Catering COGS LA
3/2/2025	AMZ 113-6230776-4508225	61.42	Catering COGS LA
3/28/2025	AMZ 113-7411448-9503432	11.59	Catering COGS LA
3/2/2025	AMZ 113-8992231-7800225	336.98	Office Supplies
3/14/2025	AMZ 113-9675621-5731437	67.55	Catering COGS LA
2/27/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	131.96	Catering COGS LA
2/27/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	70.47	Catering COGS LA
2/28/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	101.2	Catering COGS LA
2/28/2025	Staples Inc	250.14	Office Supplies
3/1/2025	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE	95	Bank Fee
3/3/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	17.98	Catering COGS LA
3/3/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	143.3	Catering COGS LA
3/4/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	247.05	Catering COGS LA
3/4/2025	NORTHGATE MARKET #034	20.97	Catering COGS LV
3/5/2025	SHELL OIL10052314019	128.64	Transportation - Fuel
3/5/2025	BITETTO'S TOW SERVICE CEN	221	Transportation- Fleet Maintenance
3/5/2025	SMART AND FINAL 313	12.41	Catering COGS LV
3/6/2025	TRADER JOE S #280	229.15	Catering COGS LV
3/6/2025	FLORAL SUPPLY SYND #5	53.1	Event Decor
3/6/2025	LAS VEGAS FLORAL WHOLESAL	207.91	Event Decor
3/6/2025	LAS VEGAS FLORAL WHOLESAL	226.04	Event Decor
3/6/2025	TOTAL WINE AND MORE	972.32	Catering COGS LV

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Date	Description	Amount	Expense
3/6/2025	TST*BOOTLEGGER BISTRO	632.11	Meals and Entertainment
3/6/2025	BB DINER LAS VEGAS #208	27.12	Meals and Entertainment
3/6/2025	HOMEGOODS #313	216.74	Event Decor
3/6/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	711.72	Catering COGS LV
3/6/2025	SQ *JUICE STARS DOWNTOWN	655.7	Meals and Entertainment
3/6/2025	COSTCO WHSE #0563	83.9	Catering COGS LV
3/6/2025	WHOLEFDS LVB 10286	222.28	Catering COGS LV
3/7/2025	WAL-MART #4356	43.09	Catering COGS LV
3/7/2025	KELLY PAPER	62.62	Event Decor
3/7/2025	WAL-MART #4356	23.3	Event Decor
3/7/2025	TOTAL WINE AND MORE	128.2	Catering COGS LV
3/7/2025	MICHAELS STORES 8774	362.73	Event Decor
3/7/2025	HOTELTONIGHT*HOWARD JO	80	Bus. Travel
3/7/2025	BKG*HOTEL AT BOOKING.C	477.31	Bus. Travel
3/8/2025	HOMEGOODS #313	12.97	Event Decor
3/8/2025	HOMEGOODS #313	19.44	Event Decor
3/8/2025	WHOLEFDS HEN 10219	185.05	Catering COGS LV
3/9/2025	WAL-MART #2593	98	Event Decor
3/9/2025	PURCHASE INTEREST CHARGE	81.22	Bank Fee
3/9/2025	SAMSCLUB.COM	164.8	Catering COGS LV
3/11/2025	ARIA HTL VALET	43	Bus. Travel
3/11/2025	TST*BOOTLEGGER BISTRO	189.32	Meals and Entertainment
3/11/2025	TST* KHOURY'S MEDITERRANE	71.15	Meals and Entertainment
3/11/2025	COSTCO WHSE #0563	325	Catering COGS LA
3/11/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	441.07	Catering COGS LA
3/12/2025	TX DE BRAZIL LAS VEGAS	254.54	Catering COGS LA
3/12/2025	PARK MGM - HTL VALET	43	Bus. Travel
3/12/2025	PARK MGM-LAPIZZA LAPAS	256.75	Meals and Entertainment
3/12/2025	CHEVRON 0201595	80.45	Catering COGS LA
3/12/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	132.73	Catering COGS LA
3/13/2025	FSP*ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL	80	Bus. Travel
3/13/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	273.19	Catering COGS SF
3/13/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	108.38	Catering COGS SF
3/14/2025	EXECUTIVE INN AND SUIT	304.08	Bus. Travel
3/17/2025	ALBERTSONS.COM #0798	95.08	Catering COGS LA
3/17/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	444.34	Catering COGS LA
3/17/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	5.99	Catering COGS LA
3/17/2025	99 RANCH #1005	2.07	Catering COGS LA
3/18/2025	SHELL OIL 12597232011	90.26	Transportation - Fuel

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Date	Description	Amount	Expense
3/18/2025	SQ *ACI JET SNA - VALET	55	Bus. Travel
3/18/2025	REYES AUTO GLASS	343.72	Transportation- Fleet Maintenance
3/18/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	13.86	Catering COGS LA
3/18/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	294.98	Catering COGS LA
3/18/2025	JETSUITEX INC.	1680	Bus. Travel
3/18/2025	ARIA - ADV SALES	223.23	Bus. Travel
3/18/2025	ARIA - ADV SALES	203.23	Bus. Travel
3/19/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	89.43	Catering COGS LA
3/19/2025	SMART AND FINAL 925	8.76	Catering COGS LA
3/19/2025	SMART AND FINAL 313	13.14	Catering COGS LA
3/19/2025	ARIA - FRONT DESK	62.36	Bus. Travel
3/19/2025	PARK MGM - HTL VALET	5	Bus. Travel
3/19/2025	MICHOACAN GOURMET MEXI	58.96	Meals and Entertainment
3/19/2025	SHELL OIL 93004128980	21.55	Transportation - Fuel
3/19/2025	EATALY CUCINA DEL MERC	45.5	Meals and Entertainment
3/19/2025	ARIA - FRONT DESK	433.32	Bus. Travel
3/19/2025	HOMEGOODS #312	61.04	Event Decor
3/20/2025	UEP*MINGS TASTY RESTAURAN	103.79	Meals and Entertainment
3/20/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	170.75	Catering COGS LA
3/20/2025	FEDEX OFFIC17000017020	37.35	Business Services
3/20/2025	PURCHASE INTEREST CHARGE	429.87	Bank Fee
3/21/2025	appwisey	45	Business Services
3/23/2025	AMAZON MKTPL*CH75K0IE3	43.72	Catering COGS LA
3/25/2025	ARCO #42515	80	Transportation - Fuel
3/25/2025	TRADER JOE S #046	11.98	Catering COGS LA
3/25/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	157.78	Catering COGS LA
3/25/2025	CITY OF SANTA MONICA	2.5	Parking
3/26/2025	HUNTLY HOTEL SANTA MON	555.5	Bus. Travel
3/26/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	17.98	Catering COGS LA
3/26/2025	VONS #2328	25.31	Catering COGS LA
3/26/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	69.47	Catering COGS LA
3/26/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	206.02	Catering COGS LA
3/26/2025	COSTCO WHSE #0418	10.99	Catering COGS LA
3/26/2025	CALIFORNIA LOCKSMITH SECU	225	Office Equipment
3/26/2025	AMAZON MKTPL*T10SQ8LQ3	18.95	Catering COGS LA
3/26/2025	COSTCO DELIVERY 563	347.7	Catering COGS SF
3/28/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	1346.69	Catering COGS LA
3/31/2025	THE HOME DEPOT #8988 LAKE ELSINORECA	228.4	Event Decor
3/1/2025	JUMPSPEAK #F23B0080 JUMPSPEAK.COMDE	119	Business Services

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Date	Description	Amount	Expense
3/5/2025	OPENAI *CHATGPT SUBSCR OPENAI.COM CA	20	Business Subscription
3/10/2025	BAYMONT INN AND SUITES 702-8020440 NV	414.93	Bus. Travel
3/11/2025	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	20.95	Transportation
3/11/2025	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	57.99	Transportation
3/11/2025	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	21.7	Transportation
3/14/2025	DROPBOX*3DQFG9Z6TC9T DROPBOX.COM CA	11.99	Business Services
3/21/2025	INTUIT *QBooks Online CL.INTUIT.COMCA	17.5	Business Services
3/27/2025	INTEREST CHARGE ON PURCHASES	357.87	Bank Fee
3/29/2025	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	124.91	Bus. Travel
3/29/2025	UBER *TRIP	4.5	Event Decor
3/3/2025	UBER *EATS	146.3	Meals and Entertainment
3/5/2025	UBER *EATS	343.41	Meals and Entertainment
3/5/2025	RICHIE'S DINER #201	115.94	Meals and Entertainment
3/5/2025	REBEL PARTY STORES	587	Event Decor
3/5/2025	SHELL OIL10052314019	17.47	Transportation - Fuel
3/6/2025	GOOGLE *Perplexity AI	19.99	Business Services
3/8/2025	UBER *TRIP	21.98	Transportation
3/9/2025	UBER *TRIP	3	Transportation
3/18/2025	UBER *TRIP	28.08	Transportation
3/19/2025	UBER *TRIP	48.96	Transportation
3/19/2025	UBER *TRIP	45	Transportation
3/19/2025	SUN PAC STORAGE CONTAI	95	Business Services
3/23/2025	INTEREST CHARGE-PURCHASES	92.46	Bank Fee
3/25/2025	UBER *ONE	96	Transportation
3/27/2025	JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT	80	Transportation
3/28/2025	THE UPS STORE 0115	24.67	Business Services
3/28/2025	CANVA* I04469-10212407	30	Business Services
3/25/2025	Expenses Tony Robbins	150	Catering COGS LV
3/20/2025	Gas mileage	100	Transportation - Fuel
3/13/2025	Tony Payroll	1600	1099 Payroll
3/10/2025	Own it gala Bartender	625	Event Vendor Services
3/8/2025	Expenses Tony Robbins	100	Catering COGS LV
3/8/2025	Expenses Tony Robbins	200	Catering COGS LV
3/7/2025	Expenses Tony Robbins	200	Catering COGS LV
3/6/2025	HOMEGOODS #313 HENDERSON NV	359.64	Catering COGS LV
3/6/2025	LOWES #01719* LAS VEGAS NV	173.23	Catering Equipment
3/1/2025	RSVP PARTY RENTALS 9LAS VEGAS NV	5619.89	Event Rentals
3/3/2025	BLUEPRINT STUDIOS 005 SAN FRAN CA	4024.91	Event Rentals

Advances: Detail

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Date	Description			Amount	Expense
3/3/2025	RSVP PARTY RENTALS 9LAS VEGAS		NV	57	Event Rentals
3/3/2025	SCRIBD *653158551	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	11.99	Business Services
3/3/2025	SHELL SERVICE STATIOALISO VIEJO		CA	108.51	Transportation - Fuel
3/3/2025	SIMPLY TREE 8335999920		TX	1038	Event Rentals
3/6/2025	RSVP PARTY RENTALS 9LAS VEGAS		NV	70	Event Rentals
3/6/2025	TASKRABBIT* RECEIPT SAN FRANCISCO		CA	192.83	1099 Payroll
3/7/2025	RSVP PARTY RENTALS 9LAS VEGAS		NV	167.99	Event Rentals
3/7/2025	RSVP PARTY RENTALS 9LAS VEGAS		NV	1363.28	Event Rentals
3/7/2025	TASKRABBIT* RECEIPT SAN FRANCISCO		CA	74.83	1099 Payroll
3/7/2025	TASKRABBIT* RECEIPT SAN FRANCISCO		CA	226.03	1099 Payroll
3/9/2025	NYTimes.COM NY TIMES(800)698-4637		NY	7	Business Subscription
3/9/2025	VIM COFFEE CATERING NORTH LAS VEGAS		NV	2221.3	Event Vendor Services
3/14/2025	6621115 - DRAFTHOUSEOAKLAND		CA	60.51	Meals and Entertainment
3/14/2025	6621115 - DRAFTHOUSEOAKLAND		CA	127.72	Meals and Entertainment
3/22/2025	GOOGLE *GOOGLE ONE G.CO/HELPPAY#		CA	2.11	Business Subscription
3/24/2025	GOOGLE *BOARDS COM G.CO/HELPPAY#		CA	59.99	Business Subscription
3/26/2025	THE WEBSTARRANT STOR(717)392-7472		PA	108.78	Catering Equipment
3/27/2025	Interest Charge on Purchases			551.46	Bank Fee
3/27/2025	JORDAN MARKET LAGUNA HILLS		CA	366.49	Catering COGS LA
3/7/2025	Event Labor			883	1099 Payroll
3/3/2025	TJ MAXX ALISO VIEJO		CA	614.92	Event Decor
				53581.22	

## PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

11766 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 730, Los Angeles, CA 90025

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (specify): **DECLARATION OF KEVÉN THIBEAULT REGARDING POST-PETITION FINANCING ON AN UNSECURED BASIS (MARCH 2025)**, will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

**1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF):** Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (date) April 29, 2025, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

See attached NEF service list.

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**2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:**

On (date) \_\_\_\_\_, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

Service information continued on attached page

**3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served):** Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (date) \_\_\_\_\_, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

April 29, 2025

Date

Martha E. Araki

Printed Name

/s/ Martha E. Araki

Signature

In re Kombu Kitchen SF LLC

Case No. 2:23-bk-17276-BR

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